



## COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEN HUESO

City of San Diego  
Eighth District

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 14, 2009  
**TO:** Rules Committee Members  
**FROM:** Council President Ben Hueso

**SUBJECT:** Workshop on Permanent Rules of Council

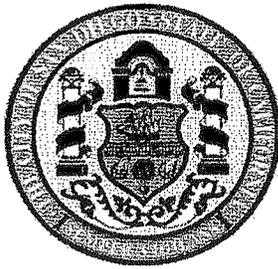
On January 14, 2009, I will docket for discussion at the Rules Committee standardizing the Permanent Rules of Council. We will cover the topics presented to the City Council on December 9, 2008 under item 331, "Discussion of the Permanent Rules of Council". I also would like to add the following:

- Addressing temporary changes approved by the Council in 2006 regarding Rule 2.2 (Orders of Business), which include special orders of business, consent items, and noticed and special hearings. See attached memorandum by Council President Peters, dated January 11, 2006.
- Reviewing Rule 2.10 (b) regulating procedure for debate during City Council meetings
- Reviewing Rule 4.2 to include a discussion on the length of term of the Council President
- Amending Rule 7.6.3 to require that all requests for supplemental items be accompanied by a memorandum explaining the timely nature of the matter
- Discussing changes to Rule 8.4 regarding the requirement for recording and transcribing of closed session meetings to exclude personnel items

I look forward to a meaningful discussion on the Permanent Rules which will make the docketing and Council processes run more smoothly. Thank you.

CC: Mayor and City Council  
City Attorney  
City Clerk  
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Attachments



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT PETERS  
FIRST DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 11, 2006  
TO: Rules Committee Members  
FROM: Scott Peters, Council President  
SUBJECT: Temporarily Changing the Order that City Council Items are Heard

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The Permanent Rules of City Council (SDMC §22.0101.5) govern the procedures and proceedings of the San Diego City Council. Rule 2.2 (Order of Business) establishes which day (Monday or Tuesday) and in what order specific types of items are heard. Rule 9 (Temporary Rules) allows temporary changes to the Rules for fixed periods of time subject to approval by the City Council by resolution.

In order to provide increased flexibility in docketing and predictability for members of the public addressing the Council on scheduled items as well as issues not appearing on the docket, I propose that Special Orders of Business be heard on Tuesdays at the beginning of the meeting and that all published consent items be consolidated to the Tuesday Council meeting. Additionally, I propose that noticed hearings and special hearings be added to the list of items that may be heard on Mondays to maximize flexibility in docketing.

The Permanent Rules of Council currently call for Special Orders of Business to be heard on Mondays. Consent items are permitted on Monday and Tuesday. As such, a temporary rule needs to be established moving Special Orders of Business to Tuesday. Since consent items are permitted on Monday and on Tuesday no change is required to the rules, but I am including the change in my proposal as a way of alerting the Mayor, Council, Clerk, City Attorney and the public of my intention to consolidate the consent calendar to the Tuesday meeting.

I intend to docket these changes for consideration at the Rules Committee Meeting of January 25, 2006 and for City Council consideration on January 30, 2006. If approved by the Council, the changes will take effect starting with the docket of February 21. Because this is a temporary Rule, no change will be made to the permanent rules and the temporary rule will expire with my tenure as Council President.

I have attached a ~~strikeout~~/underline copy of Rule 2.2 reflecting the changes. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal.

cc: Mayor and City Council  
City Clerk  
City Attorney

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